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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 10 October 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

11.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Burundi

Briefing by the Secretariat

Other matters

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 1373 (2001) CONCERNING COUNTER-TERRORISM

3.30 p.m.	3rd (closed) meeting	Conference Room 7

FIFTY-SIXTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The 24th plenary meeting of the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly will be held on Friday, 12 October 2001, at 10 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall, to consider agenda item 15 (c) (Election of a member of the International Court of Justice) (A/56/372, A/56/373 and Add.1, A/56/374).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	5th meeting	Conference Room 4

General debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items: *item 64* (A/56/267 and Add.1); *item 65* (A/56/347); *item 66* (A/56/29) (Supplement 1); *item 69* (A/56/164 and Add.1); *item 70* (A/56/187); *item 74* (A/56/172, A/56/136 and Add.1 and 2, A/56/309, A/56/182, A/56/165, A/56/183, A/56/166, A/56/400, A/56/296, A/56/404, A/56/257 and Add.1, A/56/130 and Add.1); *item 75* (A/56/285, A/56/137, A/56/154, A/56/266); *item 76* (A/56/418, A/56/359, A/56/27, A/56/42); *item 77* (A/56/425); *item 78* (A/56/163); *item 79* (A/ 56/153):

Republic of Korea
Indonesia
Japan
Egypt
Norway
Chile
Costa Rica
Canada
Czech Republic
Nepal
United States of America

[Documents of the First Committee: A/C.1/56/1, A/C.1/56/2, A/C.1/56/3 and A/C.1/56/INF.1]

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	5th meeting	Conference Room 4

1. Hearing of representatives of Non-Self-Governing Territories

2. Hearing of petitioners (A/C.4/56/2 and Add.1, A/C.4/56/3 and Add.1-7 and A/C.4/56/4)

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	6th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly [27] (A/56/140)

2. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [108] (A/56/3, A/56/57-E/2001/5, A/56/73-E/2001/68 and Add.1*, A/56/114-E/2001/93 and Add.1, A/56/169, A/56/180, A/56/288, E/2001/104, A/C.3/56/L.2, A/C.3/56/L.3)

3. Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing [109] (A/56/152)

Continuation of general discussion

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* To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	6th meeting	Conference Room 3

Improving the financial situation of the United Nations [129]

Statement by the Under-Secretary-General for Management on the current financial situation of the United Nations

Morning*- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Proposed regulations governing the status, basic rights and duties of officials other than Secretariat officials and experts on mission, in particular those who are elected by the General Assembly (A/55/928 and A/56/437))

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 121 and 128 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations and Joint Inspection Unit: Management of buildings (A/56/274 and Add.1))

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* Following the adjournment of the 6th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	6th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Scope of legal protection under the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel [167] (A/55/637)

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [165] (A/56/33, A/56/303 and A/56/330)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

UNIFIL

COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	259th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Resumed substantive session of 2001

3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Economic and Social Council Chamber

Informal consultations, under the chairmanship of the Vice-President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Ivan Šimonović (Croatia), on the following pending issues under the general segment of the Economic and Social Council:

Allocation from the regular budget of the United Nations of resources for the Office of the President of the Economic and Social Council [item 1] (E/2001/L.45)

Participation of intergovernmental organizations in the work of the Economic and Social Council: granting of observer status to the International Association of Economic and Social Councils and Similar Institutions (IAESCSI) [item 1]

Annual overview report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination [7 (a)] (E/2001/55, E/2001/43)

Restructuring and revitalization of the Group of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance [13 (k)] (A/56/127-E/2001/101 and E/2001/L.46)

Other matters:

Programme of Action for the Least developed countries (LDCs) [item 1] (A/CONF.191/11)

Report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development: draft resolution III (Strengthening of the work of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development) [item 13 (b)] (E/2001/31 and Corr.1)

Report of the Commission on Human Settlements [item 13 (d)] (A/56/8)

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals [point 13 g)] (E/2001/44)

Report of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources for Development on its second session [item 13 (j)] (E/2000/32)

International cooperation on tax matters [13 (m)]

Report of the Committee for Development Policy [13 (a)] (E/2001/33)

Afternoon*- 6 p.m.	44th meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters [1]:

   Allocation from the regular budget of the United Nations of resources for the Office of the President of the Economic and Social Council (E/2001/L.45)

   Participation of intergovernmental organizations in the work of the Economic and Social Council: granting of observer status to the International Association of Economic and Social Councils and Similar Institutions (IAESCSI)

2. Annual overview report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination [7 (a)] (E/2001/55, E/2001/43)

3. Restructuring and revitalization of the Group of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance [item 13 (k)] (A/56/127-E/2001/101 and E/2001/L.46)

4. Other matters:

   Action on all outstanding drafts agreed to in informal consultations on 10 October 2001

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* Following the adjournment of the informal consultations of the Economic and Social Council.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Wednesday, 10 October 2001

GROUP OF 77

(on the following Economic and Social Council issues: Allocation from the regular budget of the United Nations of resources for the Office of the President of the Economic and Social Council; Participation of intergovernmental organizations in the work of the Economic and Social Council; Annual overview report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination; Restructuring and revitalization of the Group of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance)

9 a.m. - 10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

(on agenda item 27 (Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly))

10 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7
1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

COORDINATING BUREAU

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

(on agenda item 98 (Environment and sustainable development) (sub-items (a) to (e))

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF UNICEF

1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

AFRICAN GROUP:

EXPERTS ON ECONOMIC MATTERS

1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room E
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room E

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

(on the International Conference on Financing for Development)

1.30 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2
6.30 p.m. - 9 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2

ARAB GROUP OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

1.35 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE

6 p.m. - 9 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 4

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United Nations Institute for Training and Research

WORKSHOP ON THE STRUCTURE, DRAFTING AND ADOPTION OF UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTION

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room B

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There will be a meeting of JUSCANZ *(Second Committee)* on *today*, 10 October 2001, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room C.

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There will be a meeting of the Group of Interested States in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 52/38 G on "Consolidation of Peace through Practical Disarmament Measures" *today*, 10 October 2001, at 12 noon in Conference Room C. The meeting will review the status of ongoing projects of practical disarmament and will hear new proposals in this field. The meeting is open to all interested delegations.

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Informal consultations

There will be open-ended informal consultations on a draft resolution on small arms, organized by the delegation of Colombia, *today*, 10 October 2001, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

A meeting of potential co-sponsors of the draft resolution on "Consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures" (item 74 (h)), organized by the delegation of Germany, will take place *today*, 10 October 2001, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room C.

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Seminar

There will be a seminar on "Risk and Vulnerability: Implementing a Forward-looking Approach for Social Protection", organized by the World Bank, *today*, 10 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. A presentation will be made by Mr. Robert Holzmann, World Bank Protection Director. For further information and registration, please contact the office of the World Bank (tel.: (212) 986-8306).

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Briefing

There will be a briefing for interested delegations on "The United Nations Mine Action Strategy for 2001-2005 and the United Nations Information Management Policy for Mine Action" *today*, 10 October 2001, from 4 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8. The briefing will be given by Mr. Jean-Marie Guéhenno, Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations, acting in his capacity as Chair of the United Nations Inter-agency Coordination Group on Mine Action. Representatives from the main United Nations entities involved in mine action will also be present. Copies of the two documents can be obtained on the Internet (http://mineaction. org/ highlights/highlights.cfm) or from the United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS), FF Building (3rd floor) (304 East 45th Street). For further information, please call (212) 963-1357.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 11 October 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	6th meeting	Conference Room 4
3 p.m.	7th meeting	Conference Room 4

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	10th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	11th meeting	Conference Room 2

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	7th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	8th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	7th meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	7th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	8th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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SECOND COMMITTEE

The list of speakers for all items allocated to the Second Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Maria Thompson (tel.: (212) 963-2183; fax: (212) 963-5935)).

Background information on item 105 (Globalization and interdependence) is available on the Internet (http://www.un.org/esa/coordination/ecosoc/globalization.pdf). Hard copies can also be picked up at the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (room DC1-1419B).

Briefing

There will be a briefing on "The State of the World Economy", under the chairmanship of H. E. Mr. Francisco Seixas Da Costa (Portugal), Chairman of the Second Committee, on Thursday, 11 October 2001, at 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 2. The briefing will be given by Professor Lawrence Klein, Nobel Laureate and Benjamin Franklin Professor Emeritus of Economics at the University of Pennsylvania. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The list of speakers for *all items* allocated to the Third Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Committee, Ms. Kate Starr Newell (tel.: (212) 963-4248; fax: (212) 963-5935; e-mail: newellk@un.org).

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The resumed third session of the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Financing for Development will be held from 15 to 19 October 2001. The first meeting will take place on Monday, 15 October, in Conference Room 2. The annotated agenda is contained in document A/AC.257/21 and the organization of work will be issued as document A/AC.257/L.7.

Delegations are requested to submit the names of their representatives to the Secretary of the Preparatory Committee, Ms. Vivian Pliner-Josephs (room S-2950E; fax: (212) 963-5935).

Background information on the preparatory process for the International Conference and the work of the Preparatory Committee is available on the financing for development Web site (http://www.un.org/esa/ffd).

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (b)
(Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda Item 30 (b) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks) will be held on Tuesday, 16 October 2001, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., and on Wednesday, 17 October, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (conference room to be announced).

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (a)
(Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda Item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea), will be held on Wednesday, 24 October 2001, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., on Thursday, 25 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and on Friday, 9 November, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. (conference room to be announced).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its second regular session (10-14 December 2001) will take place on Monday, 26 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. All delegations are invited to attend.

Second regular session for 2001

The second regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 10 to 14 December 2001 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of UNICEF (fax: (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Monday, 23 November 2001.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

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Announcement

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials may be sent to the Secretariat of the Credentials Committee (tel.: (212) 963-5358; room S-3420A).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Secretariat of the United Nations.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Third Committee *(on the Second World Assembly on Ageing)* on Thursday, 11 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on the Ministerial Declaration)* on Thursday, 11 October 2001, from 6.15 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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There will be a meeting of the Working Group on Disarmament of the Non-Aligned Movement on Friday, 12 October 2001, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D.

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Informal meeting

There will be a consultation with members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations on "Rapid Deployment and Strategic Deployment Stocks" on Thursday and Friday, 11 and 12 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Two letters on this subject, including an information note and materials, were sent to all the members of the Special Committee. For further information, please contact Ms. Michiko Kuroda (room S-3630C; tel.: (212) 963-5440; e-mail: kuroda@un.org).

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Informal briefing

There will be an informal briefing by the Chairman of the Commission for Social Development on preparations for the fortieth session of the Commission (to be held in February 2002) on Thursday, 11 October 2001, at 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room 1. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and other interested parties are invited to attend.

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Informal consultations

Informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "Recommendations on support for volunteering", organized by the delegations of Japan and the Netherlands, will be held Thursday 11 October 2001, from 3 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room D. The draft will be circulated by fax. All interested delegations are invited to participate.

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Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations on the proposed format and rules of procedure for the International Conference on Financing for Development on Thursday, 11 October 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The proposed format and rules of procedure, which will be contained in the fourth report of the Bureau to the Preparatory Committee, may be accessed on the financing for development Web site (http://www.un.org/esa/ffd).

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of potential co-sponsors of the draft resolution on "Objective information on military matters, including transparency of military expenditures" (item 64 (b)), organized by the delegations of Germany and Romania, on Friday, 12 October 2001, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E.

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Informal consultations

There will be open-ended informal consultations on a draft resolution on small arms, organized by the delegation of Colombia, on Friday, 12 October 2001, from 2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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Informal meeting

There will be an informal meeting of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons on the draft resolution on the 2005 NPT Review Conference and its Preparatory Committee, organized by the delegation of Algeria, on Monday, 15 October 2001, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All parties to the Treaty on Non-Proliferation are invited to attend.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the United Nations University (UNU) are jointly organizing a workshop on "The Conference of the Parties (seventh session) and the Kyoto Protocol Negotiations", as part of their annual Series on Sustainable Development in Practice. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Wednesday, 17 October 2001, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. A letter on this subject, including an information note, the draft programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is *today*, 10 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684 or 9196).

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As from Monday, 1 October 2001, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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The Web site of the Irish presidency of the Security Council can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.int/ireland.

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The Web site of the President of the General Assembly can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/ga/president. The President's statements and a summary of his daily activities are available on this Web site.

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During the Indonesian chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Rio+10), the Permanent Mission of Indonesia has set up a Web site that can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.indonesiamission-ny.org *or* http://www.un.int/indonesia.

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During the Belgian presidency of the European Union, statements made at the United Nations on behalf of the European Union are available at the following Web site address: http://www.un.int/belgium.

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Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

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Delegations who wish to make their statements available to the media at Headquarters are advised to provide 100 copies of these directly to the media office located on the third floor in the Secretariat Building (room S-348).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Monday, 8 October 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Addendum to the summary of the 23rd plenary meeting of the General Assembly (see *Journal* No. 2001/194, p. 9): the following text should be added:

Programme of work

The President informed delegates that H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth, Permanent Representative of Luxembourg to the United Nations, would coordinate the informal consultations on the draft resolutions to be submitted under agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance).

Tuesday, 9 October 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 4th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items and heard statements made by the representatives of Myanmar, Peru, Colombia, Bangladesh, Uruguay, Algeria, China, Brazil, Mongolia, Malta, Argentina, Mali (on behalf of ECOWAS) and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

A statement was made in the exercise of the right of reply by the representative of Iraq.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 4th meeting

Requests for hearing

The Committee considered eleven communications containing requests for hearing, (two relating to Gibraltar (A/C.4/56/3 and Add.1), eight relating to Western Sahara (A/C.4/56/3 and Add.1 to 7) and one relating to small Territories (A/C.4/56/4)), which it decided to grant.

Agenda items 18 (chapters of the report of the Special Committee of 24 relating to specific Territories not already covered by other items), 91, 92, 93 and 12 and 94)

The Committee continued its general debate with statements from the representatives of China, Algeria, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Singapore, Madagascar, Nigeria, Namibia, Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the 14 Member States of the Caribbean Community), Fiji, Angola, Mozambique, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Papua New Guinea, Egypt, Burkina Faso, Senegal and Morocco.

Further statements were made by the representatives of Algeria and Morocco.

A statement in exercise of the right of reply was made by the representative of Indonesia.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

THIRD COMMITTEE 4th meeting

Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly [27]

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [108]

Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing [109]

The Committee continued its joint consideration of these items.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Sudan, Chile (on behalf of the Rio Group), Algeria, Brazil, Denmark, China, Ukraine, Uganda, Norway, Senegal, Australia, Nigeria, the Russian Federation, Qatar and Pakistan.

A statement was made by the representative of the International Labour Organization.

A statement was also made by the representative of UNFPA.

5th meeting

The Committee continued its joint consideration of items 27, 108 and 109.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Netherlands, Chile, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the United Arab Emirates and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

A statement was also made by the observer of the Holy See.

Organization of work

Upon the recommendation of the Chairman and in order to better utilize its services, the Committee decided to cancel its afternoon meetings on Wednesday and Thursday.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 5th meeting

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [121]

Joint Inspection Unit [128]

Private management consulting firms (A/54/702 and A/55/979)

Common services (A/55/856 and Add.1, A/56/7 (Chapter I, Section E, 14, paragraph 124) and A/56/417)

Management of buildings (A/56/274 and Add.1)

Joint Inspection Unit [128] *(A/56/34 and Corr.1, A/56/84, A/56/135 and A/56/356)*

The Committee continued its consideration of these agenda items.

Statements were made by the representatives of Canada (on behalf of Australia, New Zealand and Canada), the United States, China, the Syrian Arab Republic, the United Republic of Tanzania and India.

The Chairman of the Joint Inspection Unit, Inspector Sumihiro Kuyama and Inspector Francesco Mezzalama, replied to questions raised.

The Director of the Facilities and Commercial Services Division of the Office of Central Support Services and the Principal Inter-Agency Officer of the Administrative Committee on Coordination Secretariat also replied to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of these agenda items.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [121]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Proposed regulations governing the status, basic rights and duties of officials other than Secretariat officials and experts on mission, in particular those who are elected by the General Assembly (A/56/437)

The representative of Cuba made a statement.

The representative of the Office of Legal Affairs replied to a question raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would begin on that day, Tuesday, 9 October 2001, in the afternoon, under the chairmanship of Mr. John Orr (Canada), Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 4th and 5th meetings

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-fourth session [161]

Statements were made by the representatives of Australia, Japan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Nigeria, the Republic of Korea, the United States, Indonesia, Sierra Leone, Morocco and Fiji.

The Chairman of UNCITRAL made a concluding statement.

The Committee completed its discussion of this agenda item.

Scope of legal protection under the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel [167]

Statements were made by the representatives of New Zealand, Chile (on behalf of the Rio Group), Costa Rica, Australia, Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), the Russian Federation, Ukraine, Egypt, Mali, Japan, China, Croatia, Canada, Iraq, Fiji, Brazil, Angola, Hungary, Bangladesh, the Sudan, South Africa and Thailand.

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Convention to Combat Desertification

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES
Fifth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

MONDAY, 8 OCTOBER 2001

5th meeting

Special segment on the implementation of the Convention

The Conference began its special segment on the implementation of the Convention and heard an opening statement by the President of the Conference.

Statements were also made by Mr. Hama Arba Diallo, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (who also delivered a message from the Secretary-General of the United Nations); H.E. Mr. Pedro Verona Rodrigues Pires, President of Cape Verde; H.E. Mr. Hugo Chávez Frias, President of Venezuela; H.E. Mr. Pascoal Manuel Mocumbi, Prime Minister of Mozambique; H.E. Mr. Hama Amadou, Prime Minister of the Niger; H.E. Mr. Bruno Amousou, Prime Minister of Benin; H.E. Mr. Dah Ould Abdeljelil, Minister for Rural Development and Environment of Mauritania; and H.E. Ms. Sirgun Mogedal, State Secretary of Norway.

6th meeting

The Conference continued its special segment on the implementation of the Convention and heard statements by Mr. Lennart Bage, President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD); Mr. Zephirin Diabre, Associate Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP); Mr. Michael Zammit-Cutajar, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change; Mr. Michel Jarraud, Deputy Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO); Mr. Herbert K. Acquay, Team Leader, Land and Water Resources of the Global Environment Facility (GEF); H.E. Mr. Jean-Marie Noirfalise, Permanent Representative of Belgium to the United Nations Office in Geneva (on behalf of the European Union); Mr. Uwe Werblow, Head of Division, Environment and Rural Development (on behalf of the Commissioner for Development of the European Commission); H.E. Dr. Uschi Eid, Parliamentary State Secretary, Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development of Germany; H.E. Ms. Gun-Britt Andersson, State Secretary of Sweden; H.E. Mr. Yucai Li, Vice-Minister, State Forestry Administration of China; H.E. Mr. Ali A. Mojtahed Shabestari, Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations, Geneva (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China); H.E. Bozo Kovacevic, Minister of Environmental Protection and Physical Planning of Croatia; H.E. Mr. Walter Fust, State Secretary, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation; H.E. Ms. Maria Minna, Minister for International Cooperation of Canada; H.E. Mr. Francis Nhema, Minister of Environment and Tourism of Zimbabwe; H.E. Dr. Mukti N. Shrestha, Secretary, Ministry of Population and Environment of Nepal; H.E. Mr. A. Ntangazwa, Minister of State, Vice-President's Office of the United Republic of Tanzania; H.E. Mr. Soumaila Cissé, Minister for the Environment of Mali; H.E. Dr. Abdal-Razaq-Tubaishat, Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment of Jordan; H.E. Mr. A. Bolat, Vice-Minister, Ministry of Nature and Environment of Mongolia; H.E. Ms. Martina Motlova, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Environment of the Czech Republic; and Mr. Peter Bridgewater, Director, Division of Ecological Sciences and Secretary of the International Coordinating Council for Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Programme of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography. New York, 25 May 2000

Ratification: Morocco (2 October 2001)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity. Montreal, 29 January 2000

Ratification: Czech Republic (8 October 2001)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Convention on the International Maritime Organization. Geneva, 6 March 1948

Acceptance: Saint Kitts and Nevis (8 October 2001)*

Amendments to the Convention on the International Maritime Organization, (institutionalization of the Facilitation Committee). London, 7 November 1991

Acceptance: Saint Kitts and Nevis (8 October 2001)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Amendments to the Convention on the International Maritime Organization. London, 4 November 1993

Acceptance: Saint Kitts and Nevis (8 October 2001)*

Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction. Oslo, 18 September 1997

Ratification: Algeria (9 October 2001)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DPI/NGO Briefing

The topic of this week's DPI/NGO Briefing will be "Review of the Outcome of World Conference Against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance". The briefing will feature Ms. Susan Markham, Spokesperson for the Conference, Chief, Promotion and Planning Service, Department of Public Information; Mr. George Mene, Ambassador of South Africa to the Commission on Human Rights and other international organizations; and Mr. Bacre Waly Ndiaye, Director, New York Office, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. Members of delegations, Secretariat staff and the media are also invited to attend. The briefing will be held in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium on Thursday, 11 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. The briefings are organized by the Department of Public Information (DPI). For further information, please contact Mr. Oleg Dzioubinski, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel.: (212) 963-1859).

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